



NORTH ISLAND, CA

NAVAIR Depot North Island is one of the eight Naval Air Systems Command sites that provides the highest standard in warfare technology through supremacy in naval aviation technology.

MISSION

North Island, NAVAIR's West Coast Tactical Aircraft Depot, is the lead facility nationwide performing overhaul, repair and modification of the F/A-18 Hornet (85 aircraft completed in FY 2002), including the E/F model Super Hornet. The depot provides the warfighter with absolute combat power through technologies that deliver dominant combat effects and matchless capabilities. Original designer and builder of the center barrel replacement capability for the F/A-18, North Island initiated this methodology that replaces the center section of the aircraft to enhance and extend its useful life with fleet units, increasing readiness while avoiding substantial replacement costs. The depot partners with industry and other government agencies by supporting naval aeronautical and related technology systems with which the operating forces, in support of the unified commanders and our allies, can train, fight and win. North Island provides comprehensive, quality support to our nation's aviation warfighters through the overhaul, repair and modification of Navy and Marine Corps front line tactical and logistics aircraft and components, utilizing state of the art management systems and best business practices. Its engineering and logistics expertise provides air, surface, and subsurface naval fleet support Navywide.

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

North Island aircraft programs in FY 2002 proved their value to the warfighter by returning to the fleet not only the 85 F/A-18 Hornets, but also six veteran E-2 Hawkeyes, the eyes and ears of the fleet; seven C-2 Greyhounds, the critical logistical support aircraft (only 36 are left in the fleet inventory); 27 multi-use S-3 Vikings; and 32 H-60 Seahawk and 27 AH-1/UH-1 helicopters and provided 60,024 aircraft component parts. The depot's use of innovative management technologies brings cost and schedule reductions that provide extraordinary value and readiness to the fleet.

The depot is also the sole service site of the LM2500 turbine engine used to power the Spruance-, Aegis- and Perry-class surface ships, returning 15 to the fleet in FY 2002.

North Island's extensive Component program boasts repair capability on over 35,000 unique components used on Navy and Marine frontline tactical and support aircraft, producing over 60,000 components in FY 2002 for use by the depot's own programs and as critical parts for the Navywide supply system. Common avionics and support equipment are serviced by the depot.

NAVAIR Depot North Island operates the Navy Primary Standards Laboratory, providing calibration services worldwide at a level second only to those of the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The depot's Materials Engineering Laboratory provides a variety of services to depot and Navy programs with its expertise in materials technologies, and has the Navy's only aircraft tire engineering and laser tire testing capability.

The depot's Field Service and Voyage Repair teams work offsite worldwide to maintain aircraft and ship aviation support systems, bringing depot-level expertise and service to deployed units and to fleet units at such locations as Naval Air Station Lemoore, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar and Camp Pendleton.

PEOPLE

With a work force of about 4,000 personnel, NAVAIR North Island has about 100 active-duty military personnel. North Island's highly skilled, talented, innovative and dedicated employees have an average education level of 14 years and an average experience level of 22 years. A positive influence in the greater San Diego community for nearly 85 years, it is one of the largest single employers in all of San Diego County and the largest aerospace employer. North Island brings a payroll of \$223 million and a regional economic impact of \$525 million in fiscal year 2002 to the area economy, while the work force provides untold hours of talent and time to the community through active civic participation.

FACILITIES

North Island is located in the only protected deep-water port in southern California. The depot's location, fixed since 1919 with little encroachment now possible, in the Navy's super port of San Diego ensures ready access of its industrial capacity and capabilities to the major shore-based activities throughout Naval Region Southwest, but particularly to Naval Base Coronado (with three homeported aircraft carriers), Naval Station San Diego, Sub Base San Diego and the major Marine Corps facilities at MCAS Miramar and Camp Pendleton.

Functioning now at near capacity (but with available space to expand in response to surge requirements), the depot's vast manufacturing facilities provide an invaluable industrial capability to the Navy along the entire West Coast. Its capability to produce intricate metal and composite components assures the entire Navy capability to meet emergency requirements. These facilities are fully permitted environmentally in one of the country's most stringently controlled environmental areas. NAVAIR Depot North Island's registration to the International Organization of Standards 14001 Environmental Management Standard (first in the Department of Defense to register to this standard) and receipt of the Secretary of Defense Environmental Award are proof of the depot's commitment to and excellence at protecting our employees, our neighbors and our environment "beyond compliance."

Facilities facts include:

- ◆ Number of acres: 358
- ◆ Estimated value of facilities: \$1.3 billion
- ◆ Number of buildings: 71
- ◆ Total square feet of building space: 2,386,939
- ◆ Number of hangars: 6

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

North Island's success can be attributed to a history of excellence as the following recent awards and accomplishments attest:

- ◆ Four silver awards (and three best-in-class designations) in the California Association of Performance Excellence's U.S. Senate Productivity Award
- ◆ Internationally recognized for excellence by being registered to the ISO 9000, 9001 and 14001 standards of the International Organization of Standards
- ◆ Awarded the Secretary of the Navy's Safety Ashore Award for large industrial facilities
- ◆ Awarded the Secretary of the Navy's Hispanic Employment Achievement Award

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